



FairPoint Communications, Inc.
State of New Hampshire
Docket No. DT 07-011

Respondent: Brian Lippold
Title: Vice President, Business and
Wholesale Services

REQUEST: New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc. and
Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC - Rebuttal

DATED: September 20, 2007

ITEM: NECTA/CPNH - 26R Please discuss Mr. Lippold's understanding of ILEC obligations to provide advance notice of interface and/or network changes to interconnecting carriers under Section 251(f) of the Telecommunications Act and related FCC and Public Utilities Commission regulations. Please discuss how FairPoint plans to satisfy these ILEC obligations to provide required notice of interface and/or network changes to interconnecting carriers prior to the establishment of contractual relationships with Verizon's existing wholesale customers, prior to FairPoint's obtaining regulatory approvals that are conditions for the merger and prior to merger closing, when it attains ILEC status in New Hampshire.

REPLY: **OBJECTION:** FairPoint objects to Data Request 26R on the grounds that the orders of the Federal Communications Commission and Public Utilities Commission speak for themselves. FairPoint further objects to Data Request 26R on the grounds that it is vague, overly broad and seeks a legal conclusion. Subject to and without waiving these objections, FairPoint will provide information responsive to Data Request 26R. [Objection served September 25, 2007.]

FairPoint believes that the current Verizon Change Management Process, which FairPoint will be adopting (see response to NECTA/CPNH-25R) addresses these requirements. This process covers system issues between individual CLECs and ILECs and additionally covers all OBF changes and future FairPoint system changes. FairPoint will be offering to establish contractual relationships by adopting agreements with interconnecting carriers comparable to those currently offered by Verizon. Such agreements would become effective as of the closing.